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SUBJECT:ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

REFS: (A) STATE 168316; (B) STATE 168317

1. YOU HAVE RECEIVED DELEGATION REPORT ON FINAL SESSION
OF WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES (REF A) AND TEXT OF
DRAFT RESOLUTION WE INTEND TO PROPOSE TO ECOSOC (REF B).
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE
THAT UN SEC COMPLETES REPORT OF WORKING GROUP AND TRANSMITS
IT TO ECOSOC ASAP. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE
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ADVANCE COPY OF ENGLISH TEXT IMMEDIATELY AND FINAL TEXT IN
ALL LANGUAGES BY THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, PAST
EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT UN SEC MUST BE URGED TO ACT EXPE-
DIOUSLY. YOU SHOULD ALSO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE
THAT ECOSOC WILL RECEIVE THE REPORT NOTWITHSTANDING FORMAL
REQUIREMENT FOR SUBMISSION IN ADVANCE OF THE SESSION.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ILLICIT PAYMENTS IS LISTED AS 17TH ITEM ON ECOSOC AGENDA PRESENTLY SCHEDULED AS THE LAST ITEM TO BE TAKEN UP THE WEEK OF JULY 17. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IN SCHEDULING MAXIMUM SUPPORT STAFF FOR YOU AND IN MARSHALLING DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IF THE ITEM COULD BE SCHEDULED ONE WEEK LATER. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD ARRANGE THIS CHANGE.

3. ALTHOUGH FINAL SESSION OF WORKING GROUP WAS GREAT SUCCESS AND WOUND UP ON A HIGH NOTE OF COOPERATION, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT ECOSOC WILL AGREE TO SCHEDULE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY U.S. FEW, IF ANY, OF DELEGATES PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUP WILL BE AT ECOSOC AND SEVERAL DIFFICULT PERSONALTIES MAY BE ON HAND. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B). L WILL BE SENDING SUSAN KLING TO GENEVA ON JULY 10 AND WE WILL TRY TO MAKE A MORE SENIOR L REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE WHEN WE KNOW WHEN THE ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP.

4. WE MAY HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY ON DATE FOR CONFERENCE BUT WE DEFINITELY WANT A FIXED DATE. A FEW INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, NOTABLY FRG AND U.K., ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO SET ANY FIRM DATE. TO OVERCOME THIS RESISTANCE, WE WISH TO SEEK SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY FROM G-77, FOR CONFERENCE IN THE FALL OF 1979. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE
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YOU TO CHECK ON AVAILABILITY OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES WITHIN UN SYSTEM DURING PERIOD FROM MAY 1979 THROUGH JUNE 1980. WE WILL ALSO BE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF INVITATION FROM U.S. OR PREFERABLY ANOTHER COUNTRY TO HOST THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.

5. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT AND KEEN INTEREST IN WASHINGTON, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING US INFORMED ON ALL CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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